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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 17-JAN-2004

RANGE MAJORITY WTD. AVG. LOADS

US GRADE A 65-78 65-68 67.92 25

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-04

Current Week Previous Week

BRO-FRY 162.400 156.475

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES WEDNESDAY

69.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

69.42

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM (CE	NTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.50	1,283
BREASTS - B/S	175.50	5,209
BREASTS - WHOLE	91.50	1,395
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	964
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,352
WINGS	112.50	2,822

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices on whole birds for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area increased 5 cents from last Monday's majority. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers remained steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Supplies of whole birds and wogs were limited. Buyer interest was mixed and dwindling somewhat as expectations for next week's demand were softening. Demand into retail was light to moderate. Food service movement was in a full range, mostly moderate and best into sports bars, casual dinning and instances fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance to long. Weights desirable. Trade on parts was irregular with wings still receiving the best call but some receivers noting diminished interest and resistance to higher prices. Supplies of all items were in close balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all items.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2004

	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK		CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
8-16 LB HENS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	63.00	65.00	59.75	EASTERN REGION	60.00	58.50**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	59.50	64.50	60.48	CENTRAL REGION	57.50	57.50**	57.99
WESTERN REGION	62.30**	62.90**	60.50**	WESTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	57.50**
**BASED ON OFFERS							

LIVE POULTRY SLTF	RD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION	LIVE TURKEYS SLA	<u>UGHTERED</u>	
WEEK ENDING 10-	Jan-2004 (PRELIMINARY)		YOUNG	YOUNG
YC	OUNG CHICKENS		HENS	TOMS
THOUSANDS			THOUSANDS	
HEAD	158,835	HEAD	1,659	2,403
AVG WT	5.17	AVG WT	16.10	38.03
LAST WEEK	134,816	LAST WEEK	1,347	1,786
SAME WK YR AGO	152,541	SAME WK YR AGO	1,774	2,609
AVG WT	5.11	AVG WT	15.24	38.76
TO-DATE/2004	158,835	TO-DATE/2004	1,659	2,403
TO-DATE/2003	152,541	TO-DATE/2003	1,774	2,609

FRESH PORK CUTS			FRESH BEEF CUTS			
FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG	FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG	
Loin						
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	110.00	110.00	112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy	444.00 470.30	463.46	
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	169.00 - 170.00	169.20	Round			
Trimmed Butt			168 3 Round, top inside round	157.45 175.00	161.21	
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	68.00 - 78.00	70.50	180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	440.00 480.00	464.22	
SPARERIB			Ground Beef 81%	144.00 152.00	150.59	
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	ung					